

Reply to Office Action dated June 30, 2005
Application Serial No. 10/828,968
Amendment dated December 12, 2005

Remarks/Arguments

The present amendment is made in response to the non-final action dated June 30, 2005.

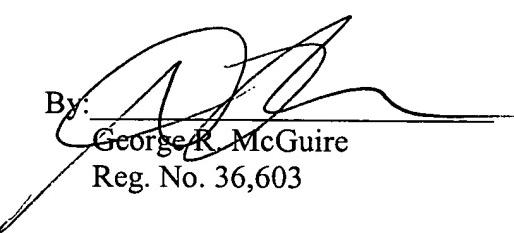
Claims 6 and 11-17 remain pending.

In the Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,448,483 to Ryley, Jr. Claims 10-16 and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from objected to claim 10 and all intervening claims. Claim 10 and those intervening between it and claim 6 have been canceled to avoid duplicate claims. Likewise, independent claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 19 and any intervening claims. Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled to avoid duplicate claims. Claims 1-6 have been canceled.

In view of the present amendments as supported by these foregoing remarks, the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe an interview would expedite prosecution of the present application, she is urged to contact the undersigned at 315-218-8515.

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